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MEDICAL, PUBLIC HEALTH DEVELOPMENTS  
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HEALTH OFFICERS IN THE NEWS

**ANDIZHAN PHYSICIANS MEET** -- Stalinskoya Znamya, No 113, 11 Jun 49

The Scientific Society of Physicians will meet on 15 June 1949 at Polyclinic No 1 in Andizhan, Uzbek SSR. P. P. Il'inov, Andizhan Oblast Surgeon will speak on early diagnosis of cancer of the stomach, and Nikol'skiy will speak on the international situation.

**ANDIZHAN SCHOOL TRAINS MEDICAL ASSISTANTS** -- Stalinskoye Znamya, No 103, 28 May 49

The Andizhan Midwife and Medical Assistant School was started in 1943. During the past 6 years, the school, which trains secondary medical personnel, has grown tenfold. This year, the school will graduate 90 persons, including 31 medical assistants, 30 midwives, and 29 female nurses. These people have already completed theoretical courses and are now interning in various Andizhan Oblast medical institutions. At the same time, they are preparing for the State examinations. The majority of those finishing up this year remain in the oblast, while probably only 20 will be sent to work in Buzhara and Samarkand oblasts.

Ninety persons who have completed 7-year school are to be accepted for study in the nursing and medical assistant departments of the school next term. Persons completing the Andizhan Midwife and Medical Assistant School with the grade of "excellent" may enter higher medical educational institutions without examinations. -- I. Alimov, director, Andizhan Midwife and Medical Assistant School

**MEDICAL FIELD UNIT LACKS MEDICINE** -- Stalinskoye Znamya, No 103, 28 May 49

In Maslakhatskiy Rural Soviet, Andizhan Oblast, there is a medical unit which serves four agricultural artels. However, the unit's building is in disrepair and there is no equipment. This year, not one kolkhoz released money to buy medicines, as a result of which the sick could not be treated. -- A. Shagimardanova, head of the medical field unit.

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ALMA-ATA ATTACKS RAGWEED -- Kazakhstanskaya Pravda, No 125, 29 Jun 49

The Executive Committee of the Alma-Ata City Soviet of Workers' Deputies has ordered the heads of enterprises, organizations, and subsidiary organizations, lessees of homes, and those using land to destroy ragweed wherever it is found. The plants should be destroyed as soon as they appear by spading them up, ploughing them under, uprooting them, or cutting them off at the roots.

It is forbidden to remove earth contaminated with ragweed for use in construction and other projects, and also to use the plants for domestic use, such as in brooms, etc. Those not complying with these regulations are liable to a fine of not more than 100 rubles or not more than 30 days corrective labor. The Oblast Quarantine Inspection and the agricultural section of the Executive Committee of the City Soviet are responsible for the carrying out the order. The order went into effect 24 June 1949 and will be in force for 2 years.

HEALTH OFFICERS MENTIONED -- Krasnaya Zvezda, No 160, 9 Jul 49

Vinogradov, N. A. -- Vice-Minister of Health USSR

Kommunist, No 150, 28 Jun 49

Abovyan, A. -- Vice-Minister of Health Armenian SSR, Chief State Sanitary Inspector Armenian SSR

Sovetskaya Moldaviya, No 129, 29 Jun 49

Sukharev -- Minister of Health Moldavian SSR.

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